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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING
WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. FONMIN CALVANI, IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, TOLD ME TODAY THAT THE DATE FOR THE MEETING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN MEXICO CITY HAS BEEN FIXED FOR AROUND FEBRUARY 18, 1974. HE SAID IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD MEET IN MEXICO THREE DAYS BEFORE THEY SAW THE SECRETARY FOR A DIALOGUE ON THE EIGHT ITEMS OF AGENDA PRESENTED BY THE COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. CALVANI SAID THAT, PRIVATELY, HE HAD SUGGESTED (PRESUMABLY TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND TO HIS COLLEAGUE IN BOGOTA) THAT MORE PREPARATORY WORK WAS NEEDED BEFORE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN A THREE-DAY SESSION TO SHARPEN THEIR VIEWS BEFORE ENTERTAINING A DIALOGUE WITH THE SECRETARY. HOWEVER, MEXICAN GOVERN-MENT, WHICH IS HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS, HAS THUS FAR GIVEN NO INDICATION OF ITS RESPONSE TO THIS SUGGESTION.

3. IT MAY BE WORTHWHILE TO RECALL CALVANI'S ASIDE THAT
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WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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HE, CALVANI, WAS THE MINISTER OF LONGER TENURE OF OFFICE
OF ANY OF THOSE WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEXICO CITY MEETING.
HE ALSO CONFIRMED (CARACAS 10156) THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED
THAT CERTAIN KEY FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD BE LOOKED TO
TO HANDLE THE MAIN TOPICS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE ENTIRE
CONSORTIUM OF MINISTERS.
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